

# CROWDERGULF / RPR

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June 20, 2011

Attn: State of Michigan

Re: Valley View Quarry / Moyle in Houghton, Michigan

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been doing business with Valley View Quarry/Moyle in Houghton, Michigan by purchasing materials for Traxys Energy. The closure of the Valley View Quarry Pit is causing gravel prices to rise and has increased the local material item rate for gravel in both the County and the State bidding process.

With the unemployment rate running high and the undue stress on families that depend on work throughout the working season to support their families, it is very disconcerting that a business that spends millions of dollars a year on wages, equipment, fuel and donations to the community in surrounding areas would be shut down for reasons beyond the control of the quarry operation.

We buy a lot of material for Traxys Energy's Projects. With the economy as it is today, the inflation of prices is magnifying the situation of the pit closure by steadily increasing material prices.

Respectfully,

*Pat Waier*

Pat Waier

# David R. Sleeman Contracting

44137 7th Avenue  
Atlantic Mine, MI 49905

(906) 482-6647

## Proposal

Proposal submitted to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work to be performed at:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

We will furnish required materials, which we guarantee will be as specified, and we will perform the labor for the completion of:

To Whom it may concern,  
I AS A LOCAL contractor miss AND need The services  
AND materials supplied by Valley View Quarry. My customers  
AND myself need crushed mine rock, septic stone, LANDSCAPING  
Rock, etc. For home AND building purposes. No one likes  
hauling Through the Houghton, Hancock cities with  
large trucks or trailers. The delivery prices from Houghton  
& Hancock has made bid work hard, enough that jobs have been out  
bided. Less competition in the area also drives the prices up. In  
these economic times, in this area, it's hard enough to set jobs.  
Please understand the value of this quarry to our area,  
jobs for the company as well as for the area contractors  
do depend on this issue being resolved. My company hope  
that all parties can come to an agreement and get this  
issue resolved soon.

The above work to be performed in accordance with the drawing and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a workmanlike manner for the sum of:

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_).

With payment(s) to be made as follows:

Changes in the above specifications may be made only upon written agreement, and extra charges may be accrued. All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control. You are to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance upon above work. Our workers are fully covered by Workman's Compensation and Public Liability Insurance.

Quote valid for thirty days. This proposal may be withdrawn by us at any time before acceptance.

Respectively submitted,

*David R. Sleeman*

Date:

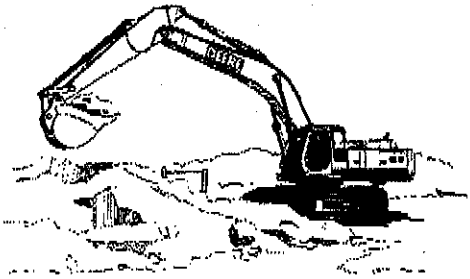
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## Acceptance

The above prices, specifications, and conditions are accepted.  
Payments will be made as set forth above.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**MD Contracting, Inc.**

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Mike Delene (906) 201-0617

6/14/2011

RE: Valley View Quarry

To Whom It May Concern:

As a small contracting company who works on projects in Houghton, Keweenaw and Baraga counties, MD Contracting, Inc. would like to voice its support for the Valley View Quarry to re-open.

Having Valley View Quarry open would help to keep aggregate prices competitive in the area. It would also help to keep my bids competitive by lowering trucking distance, therefore, lowering my cost. Ultimately, the lower cost is passed on to the customers in the local area.

I believe the closure of Valley View Quarry should be reconsidered, as loss of this aggregate source will result in higher cost to local customers due to decreased competition and increased trucking costs.

Sincerely,

Michael Delene  
President



June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To Whom It May Concern;

The Bluffs Senior Community is a business in the City of Houghton, we have been in operation at this location 10 ½ years. During this time we have used Moyle Sand and Gravel and the Moyle Lumberyard faithfully to meet our needs.

The reason we choose to use the Moyle gravel pit and lumberyard is due to their close proximity to our facility, their promptness and their competitive prices they offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Bracco". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jessica Bracco, Executive Director  
The Bluffs Senior Community  
1000 Bluff View Drive  
Houghton, MI 49931



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June 13, 2011

To whom it may concern:

As Manager of Mont Ripley Ski Area over the past eleven years we have invested over 3 million dollars into the ski hill to make it one of the nicest in the region. Much of that infrastructure work consisted of product from the Valley View Quarry (VVQ).

Having a quality quarry in this area is vital to the growth and well being of the Keweenaw Peninsula. There are other quarries in the area but none quite as professional as VVQ. The product at VVQ is second to none and so is their service. We live in an economically challenged region and every business that helps progress the Keweenaw is a business that is needed!

Growing up in Detroit, I saw many instances where industry and residential areas lived hand in hand. I grew up less than 3 miles from one of the largest quarries and steel mills in the world and our neighborhood was a place where people wanted to live, (Riverview Michigan). I know that same situation can exist here in Houghton County.

I hope you can find a way to keep this vital business operating in Portage Township so the people who are trying to make the Keweenaw Peninsula a better place can continue to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Sirdenis".

Nick Sirdenis GM  
Mont Ripley Ski Area

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